

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors in the priority claim and in the detailed description. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by these Amendments.

Applicants also enclose a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 33 have been amended to remove claim limitations that are not relevant to patentability. Claims 10, 18-31 and 34 remain cancelled. New claims 36 and 37 have been added. Amendments to the claims are supported by the specification at, for example, pages 4-9 and 22-23. Upon entry of this paper, claims 1-9, 11-17, 32-33 and 35-37 are pending.

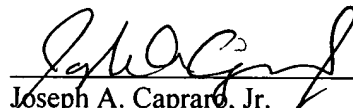
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this matter, the U.S. Patent Office is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number identified below.

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